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The report on the third page of Mr. Neil Keith, superintendent of construction of the railroad to Lake Teslin, is very encouraging news. His advice is sound.

The ladies of Fort Wrangel have stepped to the front in the matter of the celebration of the inauguration of the war for Cuban liberty, and now the celebration is an assured success.

The chamber of commerce this week took action on the sanitary question, which is much needed. It also adopted some caustic resolutions about the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which we recommend for Sunday reading to the editor of that sheet.

H. E. Powell, our fellow townsman, and 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Regiment, N. G. Illinois, performed a very generous and patriotic deed in his gift to the ladies' committee of an elegant Cuban flag. He is a veteran having served in the British army in Africa.

There is a grave danger that a Spanish privateer may raise havoc the coming summer among the Alaska fleet, particularly on the St. Michael route. Wrangel is extremely fortunate. Here, the British interests are so paramount, that the Spanish would not dare molest us.

We regard as very good the suggestion of Webster Brown, at the chamber of commerce, that the Cuban celebration be held on the birthday anniversary of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, and give our British cousins the best of honor on that day. Our Mother Country is staying with her daughter in her hour of trial; let us be grateful. One blood and one language are our unbroken ties.

Who says this is not God's country? Why, South California herself, with her orange and lemon groves, never had a more to buy atmosphere than this upland Wrangel this week. There, grand, spruce-clad and snow-capped mountains, including a magnificent, mirror-like sheet of water, forming a splendid harbor, fifteen miles in diameter, with a pretty, growing city nestled in glorious sunshine, with mountains so clear that even the distant mountains are clearly in the thinnest gauze of atmosphere, you have a perfect picture of the City of Destiny. "Blessed Sunshine" is the popular song here.

Don't let anybody doubt for a moment that there is a hell, and one, too, that is far greater in the severity of its punishment than that described in the old orthodox place of torment in material fire and brimstone. If there be not a hell, then is Nature most illogical, for otherwise many persons would pass out of this life without moral justification of their respective careers, an incident that would be in violation of her unchangeable law. Therefore, let the good people of Wrangel rest content in the certainty that her enemies, who are busying themselves in their vain efforts to tear down our City of Destiny, will have meted to them, "eye for eye, and tooth for tooth," by Omnipotent power, whose even-handed justice levels all the mountains of iniquity.

To Open the Cassiar.
Victoria Times, 10 April, 1898.
As was briefly mentioned in the Times yesterday, Mr. Edward D. Self, who will manage the extensive operations of the Cassiar Central Railway company in the interior, arrived in Victoria a few days ago. Mr. Self will also prospect over the lands in which the company is interested. Mr. Self will also take a very complete assay outfit and all the necessary instruments for making a survey of the railroad. Steamer Elwood, which has been purchased by the company to ply on the Stiklen river, is expected to arrive here in a few days. Supply depots will be established at Glenora and Dease Lake; also an assay office.

OH! I DON'T KNOW

That's what some of 'em say when we tell them Fort Wrangel will be a city inside of a few years. But you (at least some of you) do know that you could have bought lots in the old burying ground in San Francisco for \$50. The City Hall stands on these lots today. You could have bought lots in Seattle for \$50 that you cannot buy now for \$50,000.
And what in the wide world is the matter with Fort Wrangel today? Are you aware that over 20,000 people are looking over the Stiklen river route this summer? his does not take into account the immense traffic coming this way that has not been looked yet. And every mother's son and daughter of 'em have to stop at Wrangel. The man or woman who will not take a chance on Fort Wrangel real estate NOW deserves to work hard for a living.
Have you paused to consider that the travel will strike Wrangel at both ends, going in and coming OUT? For people are not going all around the world to come home when Fort Wrangel's the nearest way there.
Has any little bird told you of new and rich quartz discoveries that have recently been made in the immediate vicinity of Fort Wrangel? And there's going to be a whole lot more of them found when the crowd gets to hunting for 'em.
And it's no impossibility that placer diggings will be brought to light near to us here.
Old experienced miners tell us that this immediate territory has been merely glanced over, never prospected to speak of.
You've seen those fellows with the long hammers, "knockers" we believe they call 'em, who sneeringly smile when we tell them that Fort Wrangel has already a near line surveyed which will be in operation in the very near future.
Well, you'll find that based of "smart alecks" the world over, fellows so damned smart they can't see beyond their own noses.
They'll tell you they could have bought the whole water front of Fort Wrangel a year ago for \$1,000, where one lot now costs \$5,000, but—well, they didn't do it.
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Point on the Stikine River Interesting Interview With Neil Keith What is Being Done.

Mr. Neil Keith, superintendent of construction of the Government, Yukon & Teslin Lake railroad company, for Mackenzie, Mann & Co., arrived in Wrangel last Friday afternoon from Telegraph Creek, having made the down trip in three days, in a canoe. He was accompanied by an Indian and a young Norwegian.

Mr. Keith left Wrangel for Telegraph Creek on the 24th day of last February. He was in charge of 130 men, 60 teams of horses, and a general outfit of supplies, tools, etc. They landed the same day on Cottonwood island, at the mouth of the Stikine river. There they built the big warehouse, 180 feet long by 30 feet wide. Having accomplished this work, they left Cottonwood on the 10th of March. On the 17th they camped at a point 15 miles above Cottonwood island, where they remained till the frost made further traveling possible.

On the 20th of March they left the fifteen mile camp, and traveled right along over the ice till they reached Telegraph Creek. The first detachment of their team arrived at Telegraph Creek on the 19th of March, having made the trip from Cottonwood island in twenty-nine days. The remainder arrived there on the 12th of April. The only casualty on the way up was the loss of two horses. One was drowned on March 22nd, near the Porcupine cut-off. The other was drowned, about ten miles further up, on the 2nd of April. Both horses broke through the ice. The body of the first was never seen again. The harness was recovered from the second horse.

Nineteen men and 24 horses were forced to camp 95 miles from the mouth of the river on account of the ice breaking, and having double teams heavily loaded. They went into camp on the 4th of April. They had plenty of oats and corn, enough to last till June 1st, but no hay. The horses are all in splendid condition.

Mr. Keith was with the rear guard that arrived at Telegraph Creek, arriving there on the 12th of April.

Mr. Keith has busted himself, having put up three supply stores at Glenora, and one at Telegraph Creek.

At Glenora he built three warehouses 40 by 60 feet each.

At Shakesville, three miles below Glenora, he is building general offices and warehouses. Shakesville is the starting point of the G. Y. & T. L. R. R. Mr. Keith has one hundred men working on the wagon road. It starts at Telegraph Creek. The men began work on the 30th of March and had completed the road twelve miles when Mr. Keith left. This road will be pushed through to Lake Teslin, a distance of 130 miles. It will be finished as soon as possible. Mr. Keith will put one thousand men to work on the road as soon as they can be had. Wages are from \$40 to \$75 per month and board.

A force of 100 men are at work at Shakesville and Glenora clearing the right of way for the railroad, preparing for the construction of the G. Y. & T. L. R. R. Wages are the same as on the wagon road. Mr. Keith will put 4,000 more men at work as soon as they can be procured. Mr. Keith is under positive orders from Mackenzie, Mann & Co. to complete the road before September 1st.

Mr. Keith and party paddled down from Telegraph Creek to Cottonwood island in 26 hours, actual traveling. They camped two nights on the bank. He does not think there will be any trouble in navigating the river. After this, from the experience had this winter, there will be no trouble in going up the river another winter. The trail has been well mapped out, the dangerous points marked, and can be hereafter avoided.

He also brings the news that the Scandinavian, Claw, who murdered Hendrickson and Burns, 12 miles below Glenora, on April 5th, was captured by the mounted police at a point fifty miles from Telegraph Creek on the trail to Lake Teslin, and brought into Telegraph Creek on the 16th of April. Officer McClean was the captor. He is kept in irons, and is closely guarded at Telegraph Creek. He made a full confession of the double murder to Officer McClean. He was arraigned before Stipendiary Magistrate Webster, on April 17th, and pleaded not guilty. He was remanded for one week. He handed Officer McClean pocket books belonging to Hendrickson and Burns, remarking that if he had not killed them they would have killed him.

Mr. Keith said: "I would like to impress upon the public through the press that the Stikine is a first-class winter

route. There are so many people who look on the dark side of everything. They come into a new country, expecting to find everything as it is in the old settled countries, which it has taken hundreds of years to accomplish. Last winter we had no information about the Stikine. No one knew the route or its dangerous points. Now these are all known and charted, and any one can travel in perfect safety."

Information was also brought by Mr. Keith that the British Columbia government had instructed its agent at Telegraph Creek to build a bridge over the stream Nibin and one to span another river further north on the pack trail leading to Teslin.

"This trail," said Mr. Keith, "is in first-class condition and every party that reached Telegraph Creek prior to April 1st, has pushed right through, and up to the time of my leaving no reports of difficulties had been heard."

M. Healy is the custodian of one of the richest pieces of free-milling ore that has been seen in Wrangel for years. The specimen was brought to Wrangel by an Indian and given to the Pioneer Store keeper for safe keeping. As an indication of the richness of the discovery it may be said that the specimen is but two inches in width by two and one half inches in height and contains nearly \$35 in pure gold. The specimen is incrustated on all sides with the dull yellow metal and the contrast with the pure white quartz in which it is found shows the former off to the fullest advantage. Mr. Healy is reticent as to the source from whence this specimen came and will not give even an approximate description of the region. The prediction of mining men who have seen the specimen is that if the body of ore is one half as rich as the specimen; the mine will be one of the richest on the coast.

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Late Telegraphic News.

The following was condensed from the Post-Intelligencer of April 28, 1898, which arrived last Monday on the steamer Navarro:

Washington, April 27, 1898.—A more startling report, though not fully authenticated, reached the state department today, that Spaniards in South American countries on the Pacific coast were buying swift steamers and fitting them out with guns as auxiliary cruisers, to prey on our Panama and coastwise commerce, with a special view to that of Alaska, in the hopes of capturing gold shipments. The navy department will provide against this by arming some of the best vessels on the Pacific coast as a coast defense fleet.

On board flagship New York, off Matanzas, April 27, 1898.—The New York, Puritan, and Cincinnati bombarded the forts at Matanzas this afternoon. The object was to prevent the completion of the earthworks. There were no casualties on our side. Spanish casualties unknown.

Hong Kong, April 27, 1898.—The American fleet, headed by the Olympia sailed for Manila at 2 p. m. The boats are the Baltimore, Boston, Concord, Raleigh, Petrel, Hugh McCullough, Nan Shan, and Zaidro. The Spanish have ten boats.

New York, April 28, 1898.—The Morro castle fired four shots at the New York this morning.

Washington, April 27, 1898.—The blockade of Havana is effectual. Our boats are not firing.

Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden, Russia and Colombia have issued neutrality orders.

The Oregon has been spoken a few hundred miles below Montevideo.

The Bank of Wrangel.

One of the most promising signs of the time is the establishment in this city of a bank, by the firm of Clark, Ingersoll & Weymouth.

This matter has been under consideration for some time, and not until within the past week have the plans of these gentlemen been definitely decided upon.

A large part of the capital of the concern, which will be a private venture, is to come from the state of Colorado, though the bank will be under the personal management of Mr. Weymouth. The Colorado interests will be looked after by a gentleman of long bank experience in that state, who will assume the duties of teller.

The building on Front street, in which the bank is to be located, is one of the most slightly in town, and when completed will cost nearly \$3,000. From the plans of the interior the counters, railings and furnishings, all of which are being manufactured in Wrangel, will be artistic and convenient, and will give the bank a metropolitan appearance.

The bank will be open for business about June 1st.

Accident on the Stikeen.

Mr. Kelly, one of a party of sixteen from Colorado, returned Tuesday from a point fifteen miles up the Stikeen river, and reports navigation by small boats impossible owing to the swift current encountered. Mr. Kelly and party attempted to reach Glenora with six small boats, in tow of a six horse power gasoline launch. With difficulty they reached the fifteen mile point, where they abandoned the idea of that mode of navigation, and Mr. Kelly has returned to arrange for transportation on the river steamers.

"Up in a Balloon."

Arthur Gajnon, of La Belle France, whose advertisement appears elsewhere has a big balloon, which he intends to inflate with natural gas, and drift over the Rocky mountains to the golden Klondike. Those who can "par les vous Français," can find out, by reading his ad., when the airship will start.

The contracting firm of Sheldon & McLachlan are busy preparing the plans for the new Gospel Mission hall, a two-story building to be erected on the ground now occupied by the mission on Front street. The main floor will be used as a reading room and main assembly hall, the latter to be 18x40 feet. The upper part of the building is to be devoted to a ladies' reading room, baths and six living rooms. The building will be completed within a month.

John Underwood, printer, arrived from the antipodes Sunday on the Tartar. Last January he started from the Musgrave range, 1,100 miles north east of Perth, West Australia, and traveled 600 miles on camel back to the first railroad station, and then rode 500 miles on the cars to Perth, from whence he journeyed by steamship to Wrangel, having been three months on the trip. His journey will end at Dawson.

O. H. Bernard, of Portland, Or., was in Wrangel a few days ago, and Tuesday leased the property formerly occupied by the Skookum restaurant. Mr. Bernard is associated with F. M. Batchelor, and will open a miners' supply store.

Samuel Gowen intends leaving on a prospecting tour to Dease lake, and is disposing of his boats with that object in view.

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May 6	May 5	May 12	May 16	May 12	May 12	May 12
" 11	" 8	" 15	" 14	" 14	" 14	" 17
" 16	" 10	" 17	May 16	" 18	" 17	" 17	" 22
" 21	" 11	" 18	" 22	" 16	" 16	" 27
" 26	" 15	" 22	" 24	" 22	" 22	June 1
" 31	" 18	" 25	" 27	" 20	" 20	" 6
" "	" 20	" 27	" 30	" 27	" 27	" "

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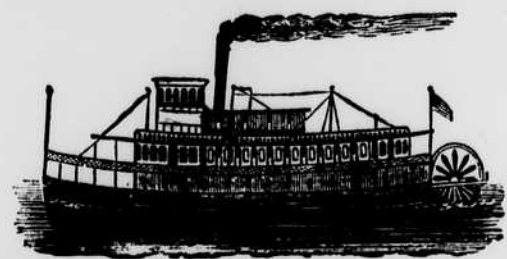
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LOCAL NEWS.

The cannery is running in full blast night and day. It is lighted by electricity.

Willson & Sylvester's sawmill is turning out about 20,000 feet of lumber per day.

WANTED—Copies No. 11, March 12, and No. 12, March 16, of the JOURNAL, at this office.

J. T. Milner is building a sawmill on the mainland opposite the cannery. It will be running about June 1st.

The last vestige of the old wharf of Reid & Sylvester is gone. It stood for twenty years.

Eleven names of visiting masons have been added to the register of that order at the office of Sheldon & McLachlan.

The new office buildings for the use of the Canadian development company on McKinnon's wharf are nearly completed.

The run of salmon is unusually good this year. The fish are large and in excellent condition. Large catches are reported.

The steamer Navarro arrived from Skagway with 130 "Weary Wilkes," who were too tired to climb the White pass. She sailed south.

The plant of the Wrangel News, to be published by A. G. McBride and E. L. Henshaw, arrived on the steamer Elder from Portland Tuesday last.

The weather the past week has been fine. The first five days it was cloudless sunshine. Yesterday it was cloudy. Last night there was a slight shower, and today it is cloudy.

News reached Wrangel Monday that two carloads of mail, and that thirty-two carloads are now at Vancouver awaiting shipment to this city.

Mrs. S. J. Lenont, trance medium and psychometrist, will lecture tomorrow Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the court house. One read psychometrically after the lecture. Admission free.

E. M. Yocum, formerly agent of the Klondike mining, trading and transport corporation, at Cottonwood Island, will leave in a few days on a prospecting tour in the vicinity of How Gao in the interest of Utah capital.

The topic for Christian Endeavor meeting next Tuesday evening is the latter part of the society's motto, "For Christ and the Church." After the meeting a vote will be taken on the question of changing the night of the regular meeting from Tuesday to Sunday, preceeding the evening song service.

Pledges amounting to nearly \$250 a year have been given by about a dozen citizens for the support of a minister to labor among the white residents. It is expected to increase this subscription by at least \$200, and to ask the Presbyterian board of home missions to make up the remainder required, and to secure the preacher at an early date.

The new addition to Reid & Sylvester's store has been painted white.

Mining and land location notices on sale at the JOURNAL office, ten cents each or three for twenty-five cents. Mailed to any address.

John Turner, Canadian collector of customs, who has been stationed at the boundary, is now at Glenora, and in future the customs house at the boundary will be used for the clearing of steamers.

Director Diehl, of the new street railway, purchased the lot on Front street near the brewery, formerly owned by Judge Jackson, and will begin the construction of a two-story building immediately.

A printer on the JOURNAL was fortunate in capturing a golden throat humming bird Monday. The tiny creature was about twice as large as the golden butterfly of California, and died a few minutes after capture. It was placed in the hands of a taxidermist.

PERSONAL.

Will Mr. L. A. Stephens please call at the JOURNAL office.

M. J. Cochran, has moved into his new office in the Jackson block.

The C. P. R. offices have been moved off Front street on to their wharf.

George Rinearson, attorney-at-law, has returned from a trip to Portland.

C. O. Bates, attorney-at-law, has moved his office into the Jackson block.

Mrs. Webster Brown writes her husband from Seattle that the Alaska boom is picking up.

I. H. Bond, postmaster of Glenora, arrived from Victoria this week, and has gone to Glenora.

H. B. Carter, general agent of the C. P. R. company, returned Wednesday from the north on the steamer Tartar.

George Clark has built a store on the opposite side of the isthmus, and is constructing a sidewalk from town to his store.

Inspector Primrose, in charge of the mounted police at the boundary, came down the river yesterday for the purpose of purchasing supplies.

An Anti-Croaker club has been formed in this place. The first member who gets the blues is to be expelled and a free ticket provided to the states.

Messrs. Hunt and Strong gave a free lance to about forty couples last night in McKinnon hall. There was good music, and everybody had a good time.

Dr. J. P. Frizell was a south bound passenger on the Al Ki Thursday. He lost his entire outfit in the Chilcoot avalanche. He will go to Dawson by way of St. Michael.

Mishawaka cor: Mr. Theodore Needham, who has been visiting his mother here, expects to return to Fort Wrangel, Alaska, Saturday.—Valparaiso, (Ind.), Messenger, 28 April, 1898.

A Card of Thanks.

U. S. Deputy Marshall Grant desires to express his heartfelt thanks through the medium of the JOURNAL, to Mrs. Duncan McKinnon, and Messrs. Powell, Hanning, Hustin, Bloomhart and Koepfle, for their unsolicited and gratuitous services in the preparing and disposal of the remains of the late Duncan Graham who was drowned in the bay Wednesday night. The untiring efforts of the lady and gentlemen, who devoted the greater part of the day to the preparing, embalming and burying of the remains, is sincerely appreciated by Mr. Grant.

The Case-Wilson Block.

The enterprising firm of Case & Wilson are about to erect a model three-story building on the lot opposite the new bank building, recently purchased by them.

"We have unbounded faith in the town," said Mr. Case in speaking of the present outlook of Wrangel, and as an evidence of sincerity we intend erecting and stocking a store that will surprise a few of the pessimists, in point of architecture and size."

The Journal Courier.

The JOURNAL has put on a special courier to Lake Teslin. Mr. Frank E. Smith left Wrangel today for Lake Teslin, taking several hundred copies of the JOURNAL, and many private letters. He goes as the special agent of this paper. He will go light, and make a quick round trip, and return with the latest news.

J. E. Sales is home from Seattle.

G. P. Erickson and John Bonayne arrived last night from Telegraph Creek. They are the first party to come down the river. They built a raft of seven logs, and came down the river in three days. They met the steamboats Ramona, Monte Cristo and Courser, about five miles apart, in the order named, at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, forty-five miles from the mouth of the river, going along all right. The boats were burning all the coal they could. The Monte Cristo had passed the Courser, and was rapidly gaining on the Ramona. The Ramona was passed at the boundary line at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. They turned the raft loose at Cottonwood Island, and it floated out to sea.

W. Foster reports that two Indians came in from Unak Island Monday week, with \$1,350 worth of gold nuggets, and that the same day two white men came in town with \$167 of the same stuff, and departed as mysteriously as they came.